

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

-- With respect to the surface characteristics of the Heat Neutral Pressure Source, the film-contacting portion of the device has a geometry such that a soft or melted film does not distort or adhere to the device in a manner that would result in tearing or other such damage to the film. Thus, for example, while cotton is a material that is low in thermal conductivity, a cotton glove may be unsuitable for use as a Heat Neutral Pressure Source for certain film materials because its surface presents fibers and other such irregularities that provide interstices for flow of a highly softened or melted film therein and furthermore adheres to many highly soften films. The surface characteristics of a cotton glove, therefore, leads to disruption of the appearance of the film in an attempt to carry out the process of this invention. --

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

-- Preferably, the pressure source is compressive to allow full contact of the film to be adhered with the substrate. Thus, if an intended substrate contains a rivet that stands out from the plane of the substrate, a pressure source that is not compressive will not conform around the protruding rivet, and thus will allow non-contact or "tenting" of the film to occur at the base of the rivet. A preferred pressure source will allow full conformation or compliance of the pressure source around any surface irregularity to be encountered in the intended application. --